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## TAXATION.

New Methods Now Under Consideration by the Legislature to Raise Money for the State.

The question of taxation is attracting no little attention in the present General Assembly, and as the subject is one of great interest to all property owners every method proposed for more equitable taxation and a more general and comprehensive distribution of the burden on all kinds of property will be scanned with eagerness. Attempts are being made to devise means to raise the entire revenues of the State from property not now taxed, or if taxed, assessed for a small proportion of what it is able to bear when compared with other property. The State levy is now 27 1/2 cents, and if that much were lopped off our present rate in this county, the difference would be quite perceptible.

One method proposed is to tax sleeping, parlor and dining cars 1/4 of one cent a mile. The sleeping car companies enjoy the protection of our laws while their cars are passing through the State, yet they do not pay a cent for that protection. Such a tax would only be equitable and just. This would bring in a large revenue. Another method is to tax inheritances both direct and collateral when they exceed a certain sum. This is a very old practice, in fact was originated two thousand years ago, and has lately been revived in several States, notably New York, and there it brings in a large revenue annually. It proceeds upon the principle that a man who enjoys the advantages of society for making money, should pay something for those privileges in proportion as he has been benefited by them.

Another proposition is to tax franchises and privileges along the line of the Nichols law, but more general in its scope. A general bill of the same nature as the Nichols bill would, it is believed, evade what is feared may prove fatal defects in that measure—that it discriminates.

If any or all of these measures should be enacted, the relief to the class now most heavily oppressed by taxation would be most welcome, and would not come before it is demanded.

Belief Work.

A large supply of provisions for the needy of Bridgeport was shipped from here on Monday. There were nineteen sacks of flour, nine barrels of provisions and clothing, and much other goods. The whole donation made a large express wagon load. The committee will have another consignment in a few days. Aside from provisions shipped, the committee has been looking after the needy at home. A little solicitation on behalf of the committee among towns people would materially increase the donations. There are many who would give were they called upon at home. Cast-off clothing is a necessity as well as provisions, and are acceptable to the committee. Let all give who are able, no matter how little, and make glad the hearts of needy husband and wife, and their little ones.

Leg Taken Off.

At the Black Diamond Coal Works, down the B. & O., on Monday, William Hart had his leg so badly crushed by a car running over it that amputation was rendered necessary. He was engaged in running a car of coal down the side track and had used a pinch bar to start it. When it had acquired some speed he ran around in front of the car, intending to climb up and get the brake. The car in some manner struck him and knocked loose his hold on the brake and he fell with one leg across the track. The car passed over the leg below the knee. Dr. Walker went down and performed the operation of amputation. Hart was sent to tell the mine boss to run the car out, and not seeing the boss concluded to do it himself, with the above result. Hart has a family living at Quincy.

The Lecture.

Jabu DeWitt Miller's lecture on "The Stranger at Our Gate," in the Hall last week, was well appreciated and highly spoken of by the audience. The general subject of immigration was treated, and this gave room for many a witty anecdote. Mr. Miller holds sound views. He evidently speaks from conviction. His ideas are American, and put with the strength and eloquence of an orator. The audience treated his jests somewhat coldly at first, but at the last warmed up and gave him generous applause.

The next lecture of the course will be by Fred Emerson Brooks.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage permits were issued by the Probate Judge during the week ending Tuesday: Charles R. Gosling and Jessie C. Criswell. Jos. Clark and Sarah M. Giesey. Wm. N. Howell and Anna B. Jones. John H. Ritter and Lillian A. Stiles. Sam'l C. Martin and Dora L. Meek. William C. McMannis and Cora L. Ramsay.

New Firm.

Walton White, of Rockhill, has bought Mr. Rottmeier's interest in the grocery here of Rottmeier & Vanouren, and the firm will be known as White & Vanouren. These young men are pushing things in the grocery business, and deserve a share of the patronage.

HON. J. C. HEINLEIN entertained quite a number of Belmont county people, in attendance at the inauguration of Governor McKinley, at a banquet at Smith's Hotel. Our representative knows how to do the social honors in the right way.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY Wright has purchased from Sheriff Scott the house lately occupied by George Robinson and family.

A LARGE number of proceedings in foreclosure have recently been begun in Common Pleas Court.

## NOT EXACTLY NEWS.

A Few General Remarks and Familiar Reflections.

The Noble County Republican rightly calls attention to the misuse of the word *de po*. This word means a place where stores and freight are kept. All depots are stations, but few stations are depots. The place that people go to for taking a train is properly a station, and not a depot. Why not then say station? To heighten the absurdity of using the word *de po*, it is usually mispronounced. The word is French, but the common pronunciation makes it part French and part English; as *dee-po*, first syllable English, second French. It should be pronounced entirely French, *da po*, or entirely Anglicized, *dee-pot*.

Speaking of words, the following story comes in in evidence: In the Monroe county court this week the case of Douglas against Hatcher is being tried for the second time. During the first trial in last September, a learned Justice of the Peace from Malaga was being examined by C. L. Weems, attorney for the plaintiff. The witness stated the plaintiff was sometimes very "savagous." "Savagous!" exclaimed Mr. Weems; "what do you mean by that?" "Well, now," said the J. P., squaring himself, and evidently getting ready to enter on a prolonged philological discussion, "I will tell you. When I was a young man—" "That will do," interrupted Mr. Weems, "I want to get home in time to vote." The court room was convulsed with laughter. It was afterward found that "savagous" is a colloquialism meaning vicious.

Governor Mitchell, of Florida, still most firmly declares that there will be no prize fight, or "glove contest," in the State of Florida, between Corbett and Mitchell. If the Governor fails from any cause to prevent the fight, he will be the laughing stock of the country. The prize ring will want itself as invincible, and prize pugilism, with its degrading tendencies, will be mightily encouraged. While there may be great interest in every man's mind in the contest—even indeed in the minds of the best citizens of the country—certainly the best citizens will be willing for the sake of civilization and decency to lay aside that desire to know which is the better man, and to uphold the Governor in all he may do to prevent the mill.

Second Degree Murder Still. Prosecutor Weems and ex-Prosecutor Hollingsworth were down from St. Clairsville looking over the grounds where the Murphy tragedy of September last took place. It will be remembered that William Murphy was indicted for murder in the second degree, and upon being tried was convicted of manslaughter. When he was granted a new trial the question arose as to whether he could be tried for any offense higher than manslaughter, as provided by statute in the neighboring State of Virginia. Prosecuting Attorney Weems has looked the matter up and has found a precedent in a Supreme Court decision which claims that when a new trial is granted the party shall be tried upon the original indictment. According to this, Mr. Murphy will be again tried upon the indictment of murder in the second degree.—M. F. Times.

Cheap Butter and Eggs.

In the Wheeling market butter and eggs have taken a decided tumble. Eggs are now selling at 15 cents, and choice country butter at 14 and 15 cents. The weather being so warm the hens have not taken their usual length of vacation, and fresh eggs are coming in right along, as well as the packed eggs which usually supply the market at this season. The low price of butter is due partly to the hard times, causing some people to entirely dispense with its use, or at least diminish the quantity, and partly to the fact that buttermen among many has taken the place of the genuine article because it is cheaper.

Can't Get the Shilling.

You can buy now for a shilling a great many things that formerly cost a quarter, but as the good old Irishman said about what you could buy for a shilling in England or Ireland, "the devil of it is, you can't get the shilling!" Wheat never was so cheap, yet there never were as many hungry people in America.

DR. ASHBROOK, a Wheeling physician, was decoyed to an unrequited spot Sunday night and sandbagged and stabbed. He is now lying in a very critical condition. Inasmuch as he had received two warnings to leave the city, it is supposed that his assailants are parties implicated in the Groves forgery case. Dr. Ashbrook is one of the principal witnesses in the case.

AFTER the committee appointed for the purpose had made a thorough canvass of the membership of the Presbyterian church and collected as much as they could of back dues, Dr. Alexander generously offered to take the accounts as pay, and so relieve the church of its indebtedness to him. This amounts to a clear donation by Dr. Alexander of from \$200 to \$300.

A CROWD of Wellsville boys were playing poker beneath a huge rock on the side of the hill Sunday. They had built a big fire to keep warm by, and the fire melted the earth and rock round about in such a way that a huge stone rolled down and injured one boy fatally and crippled another.

LERETTA, a bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth, who live down the B. & O. Railroad, died Monday, of scarlet fever. The child was 2 1/2 years old. The funeral was held Tuesday, with interment at the Union Cemetery.

The Woodfield Spirit will begin publishing in February a series of reminiscences by Col. Jere Williams, of the 25th O. V. I. These sketches will be of great interest to old soldiers.

The Whetstone is the name of a new journalistic venture at Barnesville. It is published by W. E. Buchanan, and the first number is rather sparkling.

## ALL SORTS.

A Mixture of Items Gathered From All Sources and Dished Up Together.

That Contest Disputes.

We have received two or three communications in reference to the recent contest at Franklin College, in which exceptions were taken to THE CHRONICLE's account of that affair. In the headline of the article the word "Jeffs" appeared where it should have read "Philo's," but that this was a mistake should have been clear to anyone reading the article which followed. That one of the judges made a mistake in casting his ballot on debate was given only as a claim of some of the Jeffs. A card from one of the judges sent us in reference to the subject we deem not of sufficient moment to merit publication. If the judges made no mistake, then the Jeffs were wrong in their claim and that is all there is in it. THE CHRONICLE has no interest in misrepresenting the matter and its accountment only to give the news features of the event.

New Time Table.

By the new time schedule, which took effect last Sunday, trains on the Northern run as follows: Arrive, 7:55 A. M., 10:15 A. M., 2:40 P. M., and 5:15 P. M. Leave, 8:40 A. M., 11:40 A. M., 3:56 P. M., 5:30 P. M.

Connection is made at Barton with the Massillon Accommodation at 4:11 P. M. by the first afternoon train from St. Clairsville. The only through train to Cleveland leaves Barton at 6:56 in the morning, and Fairport at 7:13.

Passenger trains do not enter Wheeling over the Terminal road, and arrangements have been made with the street railway company to convey to Wheeling passengers to and from the Bridgeport station without extra charge, the ticket office being maintained at the Terminal station there as formerly. This plan saves time.

Still Ahead.

All Package Coffee.....\$ 25  
20 lbs. Granulated Sugar.....1.00  
21 lbs. A Sugar.....1.00  
23 lbs. C Sugar.....1.00  
4 Bars Brown's or Star Soap......25  
5 Packages Gold Dust.....1.00  
3 lb. Packages Currants......25

It pays to sell at rock bottom prices, as our increased sales indicate. We can't be beat in town. Competitors are knocked clear out. Come in and see us; we can give you more goods for your money than any house in town.

Yours Respectfully,

1-18-21 WHITE & VASCUREN.

THOMAS DICKEYS, a Belmont butcher, was assaulted just as he was entering his home on Saturday night for the evident purpose of robbery. He had a basket in his hand containing some money and the assailant grabbed that and failed to secure it. Mr. Dickey received several cuts on the head which were regarded as rather serious and was prostrated by the shock.

Notice.

Having sold my interest in the grocery store in St. Clairsville, O., to W. C. White, I thank the public for their liberal patronage and bespeak for the new firm a continuance of same.

I am respectfully,

OTTO ROTTMEIER.

ONE morning last week Auditor Henderson came near having a fire at his home. After the fire in the range had been built the stove was upset by the placing of a heavy weight on one corner. The pipe came out, and dust and ashes and soot covered and filled the room. Prompt action prevented a blaze.

THE post-office at Freeport was burglarized, last week, and the thieves secured between \$75 and \$100 in currency and stamps. The post-office is located in a store and the thieves also attempted to blow the safe belonging to the store, but the shot which they put in the safe did not have the desired effect.

On another page G. E. Hunt, of Barnesville, talks to people in need of anything in the way of trousers, suits or overcoats, and what he says is well worth considering in these dull times. Note the inducements he offers and decide whether it is not to your interest to take advantage of his offer.

THE Republicans of Belmont will nominate candidates in the spring for city offices by the popular vote method. The vote will be taken on the last day in February. The city will elect a Mayor, Marshal, Solicitor, Treasurer, City Commissioner, Councilmen and Assessors.

COMMENCING next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock a series of meetings will be held in the Farmington Presbyterian church. Rev. Roberts, the pastor, will be assisted by Rev. Twine.

MISS MAY FRYER, says the Register, entertained hospitably at home, in Belmont, Wednesday evening, complimentary to her charming guest, Miss Maud Ferrel, of St. Clairsville.

A LIQUOR measure introduced in the Legislature Monday provides for local option by counties, and the question to be submitted to the people every two years.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE has just opened with the largest attendance yet. Its friends are jubilant over the continued and increasing success of the college.

THE outlook for ice for next summer's consumption is not bright. None has yet been cut hereabouts.

THE Sunday-schools at Caldwell offer prizes to the classes securing the largest number of pupils.

THE new Masonic Temple at Wheeling will be formally opened next month with a fair and ball.

SMALL boys at Wheeling last week set fire to a stable "just to see the engines come."

## THE INSTITUTE.

Its Program Promises Much of Interest and Profit.

Below is the program of the Thirtieth Annual Farmers' Institute, to be held under the auspices of the Belmont Farmers' Club, in Court House Hall, St. Clairsville, on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 18 and 19: THURSDAY—MORNING. 10:30—Prayer.—Rev. A. T. McKelvey. 10:35—Address of Welcome.—President. 11:30—How can we increase the fertility of our soil?—J. F. Young. Discussion.—J. F. Young. AFTERNOON. 1:15—What lines of Agriculture can Eastern Ohio Farmers engage in with Profit, under existing Conditions.—John Watson. Discussion.—J. F. Young. 2:30—Salutary and Mortgage Lenders.—Discussion.—Ross Cowen. 2:30—The National Road, its Condition, and How to Better it.—J. H. Denham. Discussion.—J. F. Young. 3:15—Cotton Culture.—Prof. Thos. F. Hunt. EVENING. 7:15—Recitation.—C. C. Mitchell. 7:20—Cultivation of the Soil.—A. T. McKelvey. 8:00—Recitation.—C. C. Mitchell. 8:15—The Farmers' Need of Education.—Prof. Thos. F. Hunt. 9:00—Recitation.—C. C. Mitchell. FRIDAY—MORNING. 9:45—Prayer.—Dr. Alexander. 10:30—Address of Welcome.—Miss Mame L. Gilpin. 10:35—Recitation.—A Voice from the Poor.—Miss Dorcas Nichols. 10:35—Paper: The Mand of the Mother of the Century.—Mrs. S. C. Collier. Recitation.—Miss Mame L. Gilpin. Recitation.—Lacy R. Hartley. Recitation.—The Low-backed Car.—Miss Eva Grimes. 1:15—Points in Potato Culture.—Jonathan Galt. Discussion.—J. F. Young. 1:45—How can we Reduce Local Taxation?—Geo. Wm. Alexander and Jas. F. Anderson. Discussion.—J. F. Young. 2:15—Elements of Success in Life.—J. W. Baughford. President Ohio Wesleyan University. EVENING. 7:15—Elocutionary Entertainment.—Jas. Morgan. 8:00—The Signs of the Times.—President Baughford. 8:00—Recitations.—Jas. Morgan. The exercises will be interspersed with music. A piano will be kindly furnished by C. J. LaRoche, of Belmont. Admission—Day sessions, FREE. Evening Sessions, 10c. J. B. McMECHAN, Pres. R. E. GIFFIN, HENRY MORGAN, Secretary, Treasurer.

A MYSTERIOUS LIGHT.

Quite a sensation has been created in the vicinity of Steward's Landing, Monroe county, O., by the appearance of a strange and mysterious light which appears to rise out of the ruins of an old cabin situated one mile north of that place, and travels around through the hollow, frightening the drillers and pumpers who are working near by, says a correspondent in an exchange. Some young ladies and gentlemen undertook to follow it, but were so badly frightened as to be unable to move until it vanished. Later on a party of brave young men undertook to investigate the phenomenon, but came back the latter part of the night badly disappointed.

PLENTY OF ROOM.

Belmont county has an area of 550 square miles, or about 337,500 acres, an average of six acres for every man, woman and child in the county. We ought to make a living out of that, even in hard times. Our population is only about 130 to the square mile. In some crowded parts of New York City the population is at the rate of 137,000 to the square mile.

ON A CADIZ.

The Herra Grit Company last week, drilling a well just east of Cadiz, struck oil at a depth of 1500 feet. The flow is about 20 barrels a day, which means something like \$4000 a year. The oil is of excellent quality. Woodfield, Barnesville and Cadiz are now shown to be in regions of paying oil and gas capacity.

Wheat.

According to the report of the Agricultural Department the average price of wheat in the United States, obtained by the farmers, the past year, was 52.1 cents. This is the lowest average at which the wheat crop has ever been sold. Even the average of potatoes was greater than that obtained for wheat—60 cents per bushel.

THE Ohio Man's Grip.

Ohio suffers even Iowa in the nativity of members of the Iowa Legislature. There are eleven Ohio born Senators and eighteen Ohio born Representatives, against six Iowa born Senators and ten Iowa born Representatives. The Ohio man takes to politics as a duck to water.

In the Pittsburgh gas field wells are being dug to a depth of 2200 feet. At this depth a strong flow of gas has been found and it is the opinion of the Scientific American that the supply, contrary to recently exploited theories, has not given out, but is practically inexhaustible.

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## INTERESTING SHORT BITS.

Newly Items Gathered from Town and Country—Pithy Paragraphs Gleaned from All Sources.

THE project of establishing a creamery at Freeport has fallen in.

THE Alliance store at Antioch, Monroe county, recently failed.

THE Scotch Preserving Company has been reorganized at Bellaire.

THE mines on the C. L. and W. are only running one day a week.

At a meeting at Burton Station recently sixteen persons joined the church.

BEFORE the cold weather of the past few days, grasshoppers were out grasshopping about.

An old saying and a true one: "As the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen."

THE General Assembly of Virginia, now in session, is composed of 56 farmers and 56 lawyers.

An effort is being made to organize a canning and preserving company among the farmers at Key.

His first grand jury in Harrison county gave the new Prosecuting Attorney over sixty cases to look after.

In response to a call from Bridgeport last week, Mrs. I. S. Powers gathered together a box of clothing and sent it down.

FOR SALE or RENT—House on north side Main St., 2nd door west of Railroad St. Apply at Post office. 1-18-21

As soon as the weather prophets began to predict that the mild weather would last all winter, forthwith a cold wave came.

THE Pittsburgh council voted to issue \$6,000,000 bonds for park and street improvements to give work to the unemployed.

ONE hundred thousand unemployed workmen in the city of New York, is the problem the metropolis of America has to solve.

A JOINT stock company has been formed and all the stock subscribed for the purpose of building a grist mill at Belmont.

W. J. McCLAIN has been awarded the contract to rebuild the Chittenden Hotel at Columbus which was recently destroyed by fire.

POST 233, G. A. R., meets next Saturday evening, at which time the new officers will be installed. All members are requested to attend.

"PROFESSOR" WILSON declares that free trade would tend to prevent consumption. It would—consumption of food and clothing.

AT Temperanceville a stock company of farmers known as the "Tobacco Growers' Association" has been organized and contract let for a building.

1894. New Wall Paper. 1894. 5,000 Rolls New goods now in stock—cheaper than ever. 1-11-21 J. F. CROSSLAND & Co.

The euphonious term, Mudcock designates an old "swimmin' hole" down the Northern, and it also is used as the name of a town out near Columbus.

THE reduced wage scale has been signed by the employees of the Wheeling Iron and Steel Company at Benwood. The plant has been idle since June.

WOODFIELD is being piped for natural gas. The well is only a mile and three-quarters from the town, and it is thought the work will be done by February.

REV. FATHER P. J. DONAHUE, rector of the Cathedral at Baltimore, has been appointed to succeed the Rt. Rev. J. J. Kain, as Bishop of the diocese of Wheeling.

\$2,000 to Loan at 7 per cent. Security must be real estate double the amount of loan. Address, Wm. A. McMECHAN, St. Clairsville, O.

THE amount given to State charity in Ohio foots up \$1,700,000. This shows that Ohio has nothing of which to be ashamed in the care of her helpless and needy.

WILLIAM BLACK'S latest serial story will appear in Harper's Bazar. Its title is "Highland Cousins," and the first installment appeared in issue dated January 5th.

WOODFIELD now aspires to become a manufacturing town. Since the discovery of plenty of gas, prospective manufacturers have been looking over the ground.

JANUARY Clearance Sales. All our 1893 stock of Wall Paper at cost, this month only. 1-11-21 J. F. CROSSLAND & Co.

THE mild weather is a great boon to the needy. The difference up to date; between this sort of weather and real winter may be expressed in thousands of tons of coal.

TIMES of great business depression are almost always, says an observing ecologist, followed by great religious revivals. This being the case depression is not all bad.

JAMES W. SELLARS, says a Bellaire item, contemplates opening a photograph gallery at St. Clairsville, and will probably buy property. Mr. Sellars is the Bell aire photographer.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Pertinent Points About People Who Come and Go.

—William Alexander, of Akron, was in town visiting friends and kins people several days of this week.

—Prosecuting Attorney Weems and Stenographer Farnaguer went to Woodsfield Monday to try the Douglas-Hatcher damage suit, Mr. Weems being attorney for the plaintiff.

—Dr. H. L. Hewetson left Tuesday for Uhrichsville, where he has opened an office for the practice of medicine.

—D. D. Cowen, of Bellaire, was in town a few days of last week, having just returned from an extended trip through the South.

—Mrs. A. Wayne Cook, of Pittsburgh, was the guest of Miss Bertha Hunt, over Sunday.

—Frank Roberts, of Cadiz, was over for a day or two this week.

—George Troll, of Canton, made a brief visit to relatives here last week.

—T. M. Graham, the old soldier of Maynard, made this office a pleasant call last week.

—Louis Troll came down from Canton Wednesday.

—W. C. Warnock, of the Bellaire Democrat, was in town Tuesday.

—The venerable Elijah Pickering, of East Richmond, last week renewed his subscription to THE CHRONICLE for what is believed to be the sixty-second year. For his age the old gentleman enjoys fairly good health.

An exchange notes that there lives in Washington county an aged brother and sister, who have never been outside the county, and have never ridden on railway cars. The sister is a model house-keeper, but adheres to the customs of past days, cooking by an open grate and using wood for fuel. In her youth she danced with Senator Sherman, then a boy in his teens.

ROBBERIES are becoming too frequent and bold. Thieves used to steal by stealth. Now they use force, and bind and maltreat their victims. The penalties for this sort of thing ought to be increased and rigidly enforced. When a man goes out to rob for force he is prepared and expects to do murder. Therefore he should be treated as a murderer.

MARY J. OKRY, widow of the late John W. Okry, of the Supreme Court of Ohio, died in Columbus, Saturday, in her 96th year. She was born in this place, her maiden name being Bloor, and was married to Judge Okry in 1848. She was the mother of four children. A few years since she united with the Catholic church.

THE Commissioners on Thursday sold \$80,000 of county debt bonds to Farson, Leach & Co., of Chicago, at one-half of one per cent. premium and accrued interest. This is regarded as a good sale. There were a number of other firms represented, but none of them were willing to meet the bid of Farson, Leach & Co., which was made by telegraph.

MRS. LILLY DENNY, of Bellaire, going home one night last week, was addressed by a polite stranger, who offered to carry her satchel. She permitted him to do so. At her door the man handed her the satchel, and snatching a pair of diamond earrings from her, made off, and has not since been heard of.

WILBUR TUDOR, of Norwich, has bought the frame house of B. S. McBride, in the East End, and will soon move here. Mr. Tudor has procured the agency for the Deering Harvester Company. The agency covers this county and eight others, and Mr. Tudor will make his headquarters there.

A TELEGRAM, received by Mrs. Mary Conrow, announces the death of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, which occurred last Sunday at her home in Wisconsin. Mrs. Conrow was unable from sickness to go to Wisconsin.—Flushing Advertiser.

THE steel lining for the vault doors in the new court-house at Cadiz is to cost \$3000, and the Freeport Press remarks: It is a good idea, perhaps, to have a safe place to put money there may be left, if any, after the court-house is completed.

A LETTER addressed Hon. A. J. Pearson, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., will reach the man who represents this district in Congress. If you are afraid of the Wilson Bill, send him a postal card and tell him so.

Wanted—To borrow \$1,000 for one year or more; secured by first mortgage; if desired, on really worth ten times the above amount.

1-11-21 Address, CHRONICLE OFFICE.

THE Commissioners of Jefferson county have decided to build a pike from Steubenville to "Coal Hill," in order to give employment to the poor and needy who have been dependent upon the county.